

**CONNECTICUT DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM**  
**(CT-1 DMAT)**  
**Meeting**  
**16 May 2002, 19:00 – 21:40**

CT-1 DMAT meeting was held on 16 May 2002, at Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) in Wallingford, CT. Meeting was called to order and last month minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mark Libby introduced Dr. Julian Ford who was our guest speaker for the evening. Dr. Ford presented a mini presentation in reference to CTRP (Center for Trauma Response/Recovery and Preparedness). The CTRP mission is to provide clinical educational, and scientific expertise to behavioral health providers (professionals, natural helpers, prevention specialists, agencies) and the general public in order to enhance the capacity of CT behavioral health system to promote the safety and recovery of people affected by current or future disasters and their continuing aftermath. Dr. Ford stated that the CTRP's educational and training resources can be accessed via website ([www.ctrp.org](http://www.ctrp.org)) or by contacting the offices of the CTRP Administrators, Kathryn Dean at UCONN (860) 679-7949 or Joanne Goldblum at Yale (203) 785-3318.

Dr. Ford presented the various services provided by the CTRP which include:

- Specialized disaster counseling training and supervision;
- Network of Behavioral Health Crisis Response and Recovery Teams (CRTs);
- Enhancing current treatment and prevention services;
- Evaluation/Research Studies.

Mark Libby reported that he is to meet again with the Attorney General since we received a letter from Federal Disaster Region I in support of CT establishing a DMAT Team. Therefore as to this date the MOU is still pending.

Mr. Libby reported that the \$35,000.00 request budget for monies to come to DMAT Team did not go through due to Governor's veto of the budget bill. Members in attendance were encouraged by Mr. Libby to contact their Legislators within their area to help support the bill for DMAT Team's budget money.

Members of the DMAT Team were made aware that Mark Libby is still in the process on working with the Attorney General's office in reference to officially accept our by-laws therefore we can become an official Team.

Lynsey Hull introduced two new representatives from Nextel who were there for specific questions/concerns in reference to various communications contracts they had available. Members were encouraged to talk to them after the meeting adjourned.

Joe Malinguagio gave report on Yankee Drill May 17, 18, and 19, 2002 in Westover, MA. He confirmed that it was a great drill to be involved with and he as well as other members who

attended came back with some very positive feedback in reference of how we can make our DMAT Team a better response unit.

Mark Libby reviewed various drills upcoming within the State of CT. He encouraged participants to be involved if they have the time to attend the various drills within the state.

Dr. Michael Zanker reviewed a draft of "Provision of Patient Care". The draft basically stated that unless otherwise directed by the Team Medical Commander, all patient care practitioners would operate within the boundaries of their respective standards of care. The national body responsible for such standards (as designated by CT-1 DMAT) shall determine the scope of practice for each category of provider.

Dr. Zanker also specified that the Team Medical Commander retain the right to expand (or limit) the scope of practice of any team member. The enhancement of a provider's skill authorization shall only occur after a formal education session accompanied by a validation of achieved skill competency.

Paul Brooks reviewed and gave his report on changes of initial caregivers process. Mr. Brooks briefly gave a description of how the scope of practice of patient care is to be delivered. A draft will hopefully be incorporated by the team once presented by Mr. Brooks. He will follow up with this issue at next scheduled meeting.

Some websites where members can obtain training can be found under [www.nadmat.org](http://www.nadmat.org), other sites are [UNBC.org](http://UNBC.org). DMAT individuals need all required training depending on their task and/or function.

Thus far Joe Malinguagio reported that arrangements are being made for tentative dates of July 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 for individuals from Texas Engineering Extension Service of Emergency Services Training Institute to come and give the same course that was given back in March of this past year. Students potentially wanting to register for this course should contact Joe Malinguagio and as a prerequisite for this course individuals must complete the following two internet courses prior to attending the class. Location of this class will be at UCONN Health Center in Farmington, CT:

Terrorism Awareness  
EMS Concepts for WMD  
The courses may be found at [www.teex.com/campus](http://www.teex.com/campus)

Other Committee Chairs present at the meeting quickly gave their committee report.

**CT-1 DMAT meetings will be held every third Thursday of each month at CHA.** The next Scheduled meeting will be held on **20 June 2002, at 7:00 p.m.** at CHA in Wallingford, CT.